



[§51:550] §1.550 Requests for new or modified call sign assignments. -

(a) Requests for new or modified call sign assignments for standard, FM or television broadcasting stations shall be made by letter to the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D. C. 20554. An original and one copy of the letter shall be submitted.

(b)(1) No request for a new call sign assignment shall be made by an applicant for a new station until after the Commission has granted the construction permit.

(2) An applicant for transfer or assignment of an existing station may request a new call sign assignment at the time the application for assignment of license or transfer of control is filed, or at any time thereafter. In making such a request he shall comply with the provisions of this section.

(c) Each individual request submitted under the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section shall include the following:

(1) A statement that a copy of the request has been served upon each broadcast station licensed to operate, or whose construction has been authorized, in communities wholly or partially within a 35-mile radius of the main post office of the community in which the applicant is authorized to operate, and a list of the call signs and locations of all stations upon which copies of the request have been served.

(2) Subject to the other requirements of this paragraph, as many as five call signs, listed in descending order of preference, may be included in a single request.

(d)(1) No request for call signs subject to the provisions of this section will be acted upon by the Commission earlier than 30 days following issuance of public notice of the receipt of such request. Applicants for new or modified call signs are therefore advised to take no action in reliance on securing said call sign until notified by the Commission that said request has been granted.

(2) Objections to the assignment of the requested call signs may be filed within the 30-day period following issuance of public notice of the receipt of such request. Objections filed after the 30-day period will be considered only if, in the judgment of the Commission, good cause has been shown for failure to file within the time specified. The person who filed the original pleading may reply to said objections within 10 days after the time for filing objections has expired, or if the objections are filed late, within 10 days after the late pleading is filed. An original and one copy of the objections and of the reply thereto shall be filed. No further pleadings will be entertained.

(e) The requirements of paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of this section do not apply to international broadcasting stations and stations in the experimental, auxiliary, and special broadcasting services.

(f) If an applicant for a new station does not file a request for assignment of a specific call sign, the Commission will assign an appropriate call sign to the station.